

A Modern Invention Known to an Ancient Roman.

In a book of curiosities we read: There was an artificer in Rome who made vessels of glass of so tenuous a temper that they were as little liable to be broken as those that are made of gold and silver. When, therefore, he had made a vessel of the purer sort, and such as he thought a present worthy of Caesar alone, he was admitted into the presence of the then Emperor Tiberius. The gift was praised, the skillful hand of the artist applauded, and the donation of the giver accepted. The artist, that he might enhance the wonder of the spectators and promote himself yet further in the favor of the Emperor, desired the vessel of the Emperor's hand, and threw it with such force against the floor that the most solid metal would have received some damage or bruise thereby. Caesar was not only amazed, but affrighted with the act; but the artist, taking up the vessel from the ground (which was not broken, but only bruised together, as if the substance of the glass had put on the temper of brass), drew out an instrument from his bosom and beat it out to its former figure. This done, he imagined that he had conquered the world, as believing that he had merited an acquaintance with Caesar and raised the admiration of all the beholders; but it fell out otherwise, for the Emperor inquired if any other person besides himself was privy to the like tempering of glass. When he told him 'No,' he commanded his attendants to strike off his head, saying 'That should this artificer come once to be known, gold and silver would be of as little value as the dirt in the street.' Long after this—viz., in 1610—we read that, among other rare presents then sent from the Sophy of Persia to the King of Spain, were six mirrors of malleable glass, so exquisitely tempered that they could not be broken.

A Chicago Story of a Desperate Affair

A few days ago about dusk a stranger called at the residence of a bank cashier in St. Louis, and introducing himself, said he desired some private conversation on business of importance. The cashier thereupon led him to a private room gave orders that they were not to be disturbed, seated himself, folded his arms, and desired his mysterious acquaintance to communicate the object of his visit. The man coughed once or twice, then said: Being the cashier of this here financial institution, of course you keep the key of the safe? The cashier said he did. And you know about the bank robbers that go and tie and gag cashiers and their families, and with pistols at their heads compel them to give up the keys. The cashier said he did. And you've heard about the Da-veport brothers and the Spiritualists and things? The cashier said he did. Now, said the stranger, I've been studying up the whole business, and I have found out how to overcome them. You don't say so. Yes, sir. For five dollars I will impart to you a secret which may at some future time save your life and the funds intrusted to your care. I will show you how to untie any series of knots, however complicated to remove a gag from your mouth, and, in fact, to set yourself free. I can release myself in 2:14 1-2, and a week's practice I'll bet that you can show better than three minutes. You see the advantage of my system? There is no need to resist and get shot; all you have to do is to let them tie you up, and, as soon as they've taken the key and gone, why you just let yourself loose and give the alarm. The cashier said it was a remarkable invention. You bet it is, said the inventor, and as I never take any money for it till my customers are satisfied of my honesty in dealing with them, I'll tell you what I'll do. Just let me gag and blind you, and then I'll give you simple directions what to do, and if you don't unloose yourself in five minutes and express your entire satisfaction with the process, I'll give you \$10. If you find that

I am a man of my word, you'll pay me \$5.

The cashier said that nothing could be fairer.

Another thing, continued the visitor; I'm a poor man, and the secret is my only stock of trade, so I'll ask you not to teach any one else how to do it, for that would spoil my business.

The cashier consented to the arrangement.

Take this \$10 bill, said the other. I fail, you keep it; if you are satisfied, you will return it to me with another \$5. And now this is the way we do it. So saying he took a roll of chord and a gag from his pockets, and with great dexterity tied that cashier hand and foot, and gagged him so that he could not wink.

You are tied pretty firmly, ain't you? You wouldn't think you could ever get loose, would you?

The cashier looked the replies he could not speak.

I don't think you could myself, and now let me tell you my name is Jesse H. James, the notorious train-robber, and if you don't fork over that key in three seconds I'll cut your throat from ear to ear. I beg your pardon; you can't, but I'll take it myself. It's no trouble, and turning that cashier over on his back like a turtle he took the key. I won't take your pocket-book, he said, for the \$10 is yours, as I don't think you will be able to get loose in five minutes, or five hours either. So long, sonny, and with a courteous bow he quitted the apartment and proceeded to the bank, which he rifled as completely and leisurely as if he had been one of the directors. The sad event has cast a gloom over the community.

Communications.

MR. EDITOR:—Since reform and reformation are our watchwords, we would like to know if we cannot effect reformation in the price of coal. It seems there is need of reform in the coal "corner or ring" of this city. We understand that some of our citizens are buying their coal at 10c per bushel delivered. We would like for this contractor to make himself known so we can patronize him. Now, we are forced to pay from 12 1-2 to 15 cents per bushel. This is simply an outrage. Reform is the watchword. CITIZEN.

City Directory.

Mexico is to have a City Directory, J. N. Beasley, an experienced directory publisher has commenced the canvass of our city for that purpose. The work will contain an alphabetical list of the names of all citizens in full (the full name will appear not merely initials.) In firm names the full name of each partner will be given. There will be a classified business directory and an appendix containing valuable information. All information asked for should be cheerfully given. A directory is the mirror of a town's business as well as a guide to find the location of its inhabitants.

Moberly Mo., Sept. 12th, 79.—We, subscribers to the Moberly City Directory just published by J. W. Beasley, take great pleasure after a careful examination in saying that we find it a thorough and accurate directory of our city. As a reference to our citizens it is valuable to all.

W. F. Elliott, cashier Mechanics Bank, Rodes & Porter, Real Estate Agents, W. F. Brown, proprietor Merchants Hotel, Geo. B. Kelly, business manager Enterprise Monitor, Linn Carmon, editor Headlight &c.

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Booneville, Mo. Advertiser Oct. 18th 1876.

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Way Freight leaves at.....4.25 p. m.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Monday November term 1876 of, the Probate Court of Audrain county Missouri make final settlement of my administration of the estate of W. I. Bridgeford, deceased. JAMES H. WALLACE, Administrator

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[Letter from a Postmaster.]

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

All creditors and others interested in the estate of A. T. Bots, deceased, are hereby notified, that I will make a final settlement of my administration of said estate, at the next regular term of the Probate Court of Audrain County Missouri, to be begun and held in Mexico, on the Second Monday in November, next.

M. E. BOTS,

Administrator.

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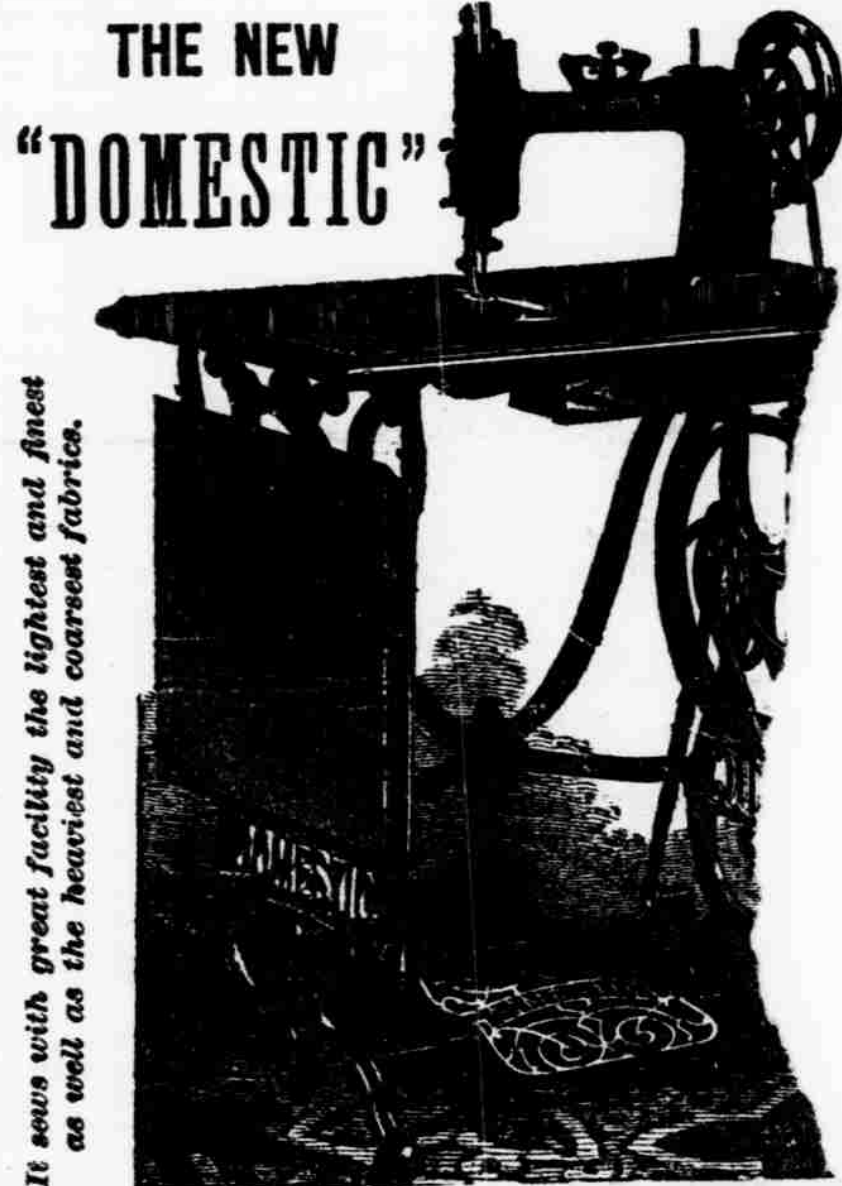
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